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Subject: JPL Request for Proposal (RFP) No. PT-2671-599428 for Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) Terminal Descent Sensor (TDS).

Reference: Enclosures

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) invites your organization to submit a written proposal in conformance with the instructions contained in this letter and its enclosures, which comprise the RFP for JPL's acquisition of the subject effort.

This RFP does not commit JPL or the Government of the United States to pay any costs incurred in submitting your proposal, making studies or designs for preparing the proposal, or in procuring or subcontracting for services or supplies related to the proposal.

Provide the name of your cognizant Government Audit Agency (i.e., DCAA, etc.), if any, their phone number and point of contact, and a copy of the letter that indicates their approval. Submit the original of your proposal plus five (5) copies.

A large number of exceptions, or one or more significant exceptions, to the General Provisions and/or Additional General Provisions may make your proposal unacceptable for evaluation. You must provide a detailed explanation, including the rationale, for any exceptions you take.

Please note that your proposal is due at JPL no later than July 29, 2005, 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Should you have any questions, please address them to the undersigned by phone or e-mail.

Very truly yours,

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